

## JUPITER PLUVIUS' DAYS NUMBERED

Solution Invented Will Bid Defiance to Showers.

**MAKES A MAN RAINPROOF**

Englishman Says Umbrellas Will Not Be Necessary When Duckoline Is Used.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The days of Jupiter Pluvius are numbered. He may abdicate as soon as he has a mind. The rain god, whom weather apprentices write of, has indulged his wet whims to such ridiculous excess on English soil during the last year and a half that a mortal man, living in a London suburb, now challenges him to do his worst.

In plain terms, this means that John Seloc, an amateur meteorologist, residing under the shadow of Greenwich observatory, has invented a solution which makes him a thoroughly rainproof fellow, without the aid of mackintosh or umbrella.

### Guards Secret Well.

Mr. Seloc meantime holds his secret very tightly, seeing possibilities in its development which rival the dreams of alchemy. Experts to whom he has shown his solution declare that wet weather need no longer give anybody the "hump," when once the Seloc solution has been placed on the market. He has been working on the magical stuff for years, perfecting it by all sorts of experiments, so that now the experimental stage is practically past. The War Office, with gratifying enterprise, has signified the intention of buying a large quantity of the solution when it can be got ready. The military authorities will begin by trying its powers upon camp canvas.

What will happen, says Mr. Seloc, is that a tent, being lightly brushed with the solution, will resist the dampening influence of rain as easily as the feathers on a duck's back. Indeed, it is possible he may decide to call his patent by the appropriate name of a dry-duck, or duckoline.

### Ambitious Man.

In a certain sense the goal of Mr. Seloc's ambition may be said to be that of making the human biped amphibious. While making some allowances for enthusiasm, it is yet due to Mr. Seloc that he should tell his own story. This is what he says:

"My solution will make fun of rain. For example, you will be able to walk in a deluge, wearing a dress suit, a silk hat and patent shoes, without getting wet. It will only be necessary to dip the clothes brush in the liquid and run it lightly all over you before leaving the house."

"This need not take more than a minute. One application will suffice a day, or perhaps two days. The solution is perfectly invisible on the surface of garment, and absolutely non-injurious. You smile. Well, I don't blame you. It sounds like a fairy tale, but other inventions that have proved a boon and a blessing to mankind have been thoroughly well laughed at."

### RATES TO ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR

Tickets to Be Sold at Very Low Rates Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held at St. Louis, Mo., from April 30 to December 1, 1904, several forms of excursion tickets to St. Louis will be placed on sale by the Pennsylvania Railroad on April 25, as follows:

Season tickets, good to return until December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$3.50 from Washington via Pittsburg.

Sixty-day excursion tickets, final limit not later than December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$2.50 from Washington via Pittsburg.

Fifteen-day excursion tickets to be sold at rate of \$2.00 from Washington via Pittsburg.

Tickets of the forms named above will be sold from other stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad at proportionate rates.

Ten-day special coach excursion tickets will be sold on May 10, and on other dates to be announced, good going only on special coach trains, or in coaches on designated trains and good returning in regular trains at rate of \$3.00 from New York; \$3.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates, approximately one cent per mile, from other points.

Excursion tickets by variable routes. Season tickets and sixty-day excursion tickets will be sold via variable routes; that is, going by one direct route and returning via another direct route. Variable route tickets will be sold applying through Chicago in one direction. The same rates as apply for season and sixty-day excursion tickets to St. Louis, going and returning via the direct routes.

On all one-way and round-trip tickets, reading to points beyond St. Louis, a stop-over of ten days will be permitted at St. Louis on payment of a fee of \$1 and deposit of ticket.

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Fancy Wool Underwear, \$1 value, Now, <b>79c</b>	\$12.00 now.....\$7.50	\$25.00 for.....\$17.50
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Buckskin Wool Lined Gloves, \$1 value, Now, <b>79c</b>	25c Jap Carpet patterns, 25c	\$12.50 Damask Cover, 25c
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## Paul Kruger in Exile, Dying; Mind Is Gone

PAUL KRUGER



Former President of the Boer Republic Now at Mentone, France, Crushed by Defeat and Affliction.

## Former Boer President Suffers With Nervous Prostration—Apparent to His Friends That His End Is Approaching.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 29.—Gen. Benjamin Viljoen, formerly of the Boer army, announces that former President Paul Kruger, of the Boer Republic, is dying as an exile at Mentone, France, and that Dr. Reitz, state secretary under President Kruger, is also an exile in Holland, a constant sufferer from nervous prostration. Speaking of Mr. Kruger, General Viljoen said:

"My information regarding the former president of the republic comes from a member of his household. The poor old man's mind is diseased, his health is very poor, and it is apparent to those close to him that the end is approaching. He lives in almost entire seclusion, and rarely converses with anyone. When he does engage in conversation his tone is sad and pathetic and the sentences are disconnected."

"The old man's compatriots have applied unsuccessfully to the British government for permission for his return to South Africa to spend the last days of his life in his native country."

"Mr. Kruger is eighty-one years old. At the commencement of the late war he was in perfect health and sound of intellect. Our defeat seems to have shattered his ambition, and the loss of his wife and youngest son has left an unhealable wound in his heart. The condition of Mr. Reitz is described as almost as pitiful as that of Paul Kruger. He is a constant invalid."

**TOLD FAIRY TALE.**  
Shot in the left hand while playing with a pistol last evening, John Lee, a negro boy eleven years old, of 723 Third Street southwest, was taken to the Emergency Hospital. He told a tale of holdup, saying a small white boy fired the pistol at him because he would not give him money.

**FREE TRIP TO WORLD'S FAIR.**  
D. J. Kaufman will send to the St. Louis Exposition the most popular High School boy, the most popular letter carrier, the most popular policeman, and the most popular street railway man in Washington. They will each be provided with a round trip ticket and \$100 in gold for expenses. The result of the contest will be determined by vote. The contest will begin Monday, March 1, and further particulars will be given in the newspapers.

To Baltimore "Every Hour"  
On the Hour," i. a. m. to 8 p. m. B. & O. R. R.

## AUSTRIAN COUNT UNLUCKY GAMBLER

Loses Nearly \$500,000 in Two Days.

ORIGINAL HARD LUCK MAN

Players at Monte Carlo Growing Rich Backing Opposite Color to That Played by Hungarian.

MONTE CARLO, Feb. 29.—The wonder and admiration of the principality today is a Hungarian count, who is reported to have lost more money over the gambling tables during the last week than any other one person has done during the last five years.

He has never been seen to win, and with a set smile he seems to take a grim delight in his bad luck and in the interest and amazement which his "plunging" arouses among the onlookers.

Yesterday afternoon he commenced to play at one of the "trente-et-quarante" tables. He drew out a big packet of bank notes and several piles of golden plaques, as the \$16 pieces specially coined at Monaco are termed.

He glanced around once, and then set to work by staking \$500 on "couleur," when, naturally, "inverse" turned up. He then placed \$1,200 on "inverse," and equally naturally he again lost, for "couleur" proved the winner.

His next stake was the maximum, \$2,400, and for the next half hour he staked \$2,400 on each deal of the cards, and each time, without moving a muscle of his face, he saw his money swept away. He is supposed to have lost nearly \$500,000 in the last two days alone. Many players are now growing rich by always backing the opposite color to that which the phenomenally unlucky gambler chooses.

## RUSSIA MAY STILL EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR

Russia may still make an exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair, in spite of the announcement that he had abandoned the project on account of the war. "Retain Russia's space a fortnight," he the message which Ethelbert Watts, American consul general at St. Petersburg, has sent to the World's Fair management. In the meantime work on the Russian pavilion will continue.

## MR. MEAGHER RECOVERING AT HOME IN ST. LOUIS

Capt. H. A. Coughlin, in charge of the watch at the Treasury Department, has received a letter from Cornelius Meagher, the Treasury watchman, who disappeared suddenly a few days ago, and who, it was found, had arisen from a sickbed and gone to his home in St. Louis.

It was feared Mr. Meagher had typhoid fever, but the letter says he has not, and is improving steadily.

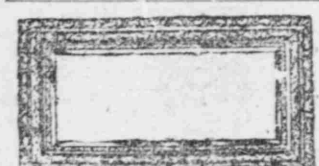
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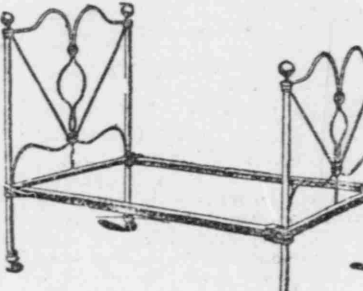
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Didn't Believe in Banks and Refused All Checks.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 29.—Daniel Rudy, a wealthy resident of Oregon, Lancaster county, who died recently, did not believe that banks were a good place to keep money, and at the time of his death \$11,000 was found secreted in his house, mostly in \$500 bills.

He would never accept payment by check from any person who was indebted to him, always demanding that the money be in cash.

### LACE CURTAINS AFIRE.

Lace curtains and a lighted gas jet caused a fire which did \$25 damages at the residence of Major Hoxey, 1322 K Street northwest, yesterday. Members of No. 1 engine company extinguished the blaze with a hand apparatus.

## SAT ON WOMAN'S LAP DURING CHURCH SERVICE

Half-Witted Italian Startled a Congregation in Derby, Conn.

DERBY, Conn., Feb. 29.—A large congregation at the First Methodist Episcopal Church here yesterday was thrown into confusion by a man walking down the center aisle, entering the pew of James Bentley and seating himself in Mrs. Bentley's lap.

The sensational interruption took place during the sermon by the Rev. George T. Brown, the pastor. Mrs. Bentley wriggled from under the fellow, who was promptly ejected. He was a half-witted Italian.

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Extra Sifted Peas, 10c.....\$2.50 case  
Sifted Peas, 9c.....\$2.00 case  
Five Cans Tomatoes, 30c.....\$1.40 case  
Pyles' Oleine Soap.....4c  
Seven lbs. Starch.....25c  
Gran. Sugar.....15c  
Macaroni.....15c  
Dried Apples.....3c  
Evap. Apples.....7c  
Evap. Peaches.....7c  
Cal. Prunes.....5c  
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